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RE: Response to EPA Comments on the Olefins Panel Test Plan for High Benzene Naphthas Category, HPV Registration No.

On December 12, 2001, the American Chemistry Council Olefins Panel (Panel) submitted a test plan on the High Benzene Naphthas Category under the HPV Chemical Challenge Program. In a letter dated August 21, 2002, you noted several questions about the Panel's test plan. Subsequently, several Panel scientists met with Mr. Richard Hefter, Chief of the HPV Chemicals Branch, and other EPA staff members to discuss the issues raised in your letter. The focus of EPA's comments, as the Panel understands them, is on the presentation and clarity in the test plan, rather than on the plan itself. The Panel is submitting the attached Revised Test Plan, which addresses these issues of presentation and clarity. In addition, we are submitting Robust Summaries, which have been revised to address your comments. In preparing these revised documents, the Panel also reviewed comments filed by Environmental Defense on June 14, 2002.

The Panel believes that this letter and the revised Test Plan and Robust Summaries address the issues raised in your letter. However, if you have additional questions, please contact me at 301 924 2006 or Elizabeth.Moran@americanchemistry.com.

Yours truly,

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Manager, Olefins Panel

Attachments

cc: Richard Hefter



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